

# Extra-curricular Activities Policy

Approved by CEO and RET Board

Approved on January 2016

SLT contact Headteacher

Revision due Every 2 years



## 1. Rationale

- a. Extra-curricular activities are an integral part of the ethos of the school. They provide students with an opportunity to enhance their personal development and self-image.
- b. Extra-curricular activities should be planned as an opportunity to extend the students learning experience in the classroom and the wider community. Activities and clubs will be available to all students subject to guidance from staff.

## 2. Aims of the policy are to:

- a. Develop and encourage experience and expertise in areas not provided for within the formal curriculum.
- b. Enhance students' self-image and social development.
- c. Provide an opportunity for students to represent the school at local, county and national level.
- d. Enhance the ethos and image of the school in the community.
- e. Encourage students' active participation in a variety of extra-curricular areas.
- f. Encourage in both sporting and other competitive pursuits the positive use of leisure time
- g. Offer valuable opportunities for residential experience in a variety of extra-curricular areas.
- h. Provide opportunities for students to develop their performance skills through dramatic and choral presentations.

## 3. Broad Guidelines

- a. All students will be encouraged to participate in some form of extra-curricular activity
- b. A variety of Extra Curricular activities will be available to all students.
- c. Activities should take place with due regard to Health and Safety requirements.
- d. Students' endeavours and experiences should be acknowledged and recorded through certification and public presentations.
- e. Clubs and activities are planned and published on a termly basis in the school newsletter to parents, school website and displayed at every opportunity in school.
- f. When planning activities, which involve activities outside the schools hours and off site locations referral should be made to the planning trips procedures.
- g. Where political issues may be brought to the attention of students, planning for the activity should ensure that appropriate steps are taken to offer a balanced presentation of opposing views. Plans of this nature should be approved by the headteacher.

## 4. External activities not run by the school

- a. The school will not normally promote or distribute advertising materials for external activities taking place elsewhere or on the school site.
- b. Exceptionally the headteacher may agree to promote or distribute information about such activities.
- c. In such cases the headteacher will discuss the decision with the chair of the local governing body who may decide to refer the matter to a committee.
- d. In cases where the school does agree to promote or endorse such activities or events it will take reasonable steps to ensure that:
  1. Safeguarding procedures and practices will be appropriate
  2. Insurance is in place
  3. Staff are appropriately qualified
  4. Health and Safety arrangements are appropriate
  5. Where political issues may be brought to the attention of students, appropriate steps are taken to offer a balance presentation of opposing views.